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MAYOR BALLARD ISSUES TRAVEL WATCH; 1:30 P.M. UPDATE PLANNED

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard raised the Indianapolis/Marion County travel status to orange and issued a travel watch at 10:30 a.m. today. The elevated status alerts residents that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public, and only essential travel is recommended, such as to and from work and emergency situations.

All City and County employees not essential to Public Safety and Public Works operations will be sent home at noon today. Sworn police officers and Department of Public Works fleet, forestry and other support services for the ice storm, including the Mayor's Action Center, will continue to work, and primary routes and thoroughfares will continue to be treated for the next 48 hours or more.

Mayor Ballard will be joined by City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works Director David Sherman and Director of Public Safety Dr. Frank Straub at a 1:30 p.m. news conference to provide an update.

WHO: MAYOR GREG BALLARD; CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DAVID SHERMAN;

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY DR. FRANK STRAUB

WHAT: News Conference on Winter Ice Storm

WHERE: CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

200 E. Washington St. 1st Floor, Room 118 Indianapolis, IN

WHEN: TODAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

1:30 P.M.